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Important Upcoming Dates

September 26 (Tuesday): Last day to request CogAt retest from grades 3-6.

September 27 (Wednesday): Girl Scout Troop Formation & Information Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Last chance to register Fall Raccoon Runner.

Parents of Students in Grades 3-6

All new students to Fairfax County Public Schools that are attending Mantua will be administered the CogAt test during the testing window of October 10th-October 20th.

If you are interested in a one-time retest for possible acceptance to AAP Center, please contact Eva Bousbouras at Vaitsa.Bousbouras@fcps.edu by **Tuesday, September 26th**.

School-Wide Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed in many areas outside of your child's classroom. You can give as little or as much time as you wish. Our volunteers make Mantua Elementary a very special school and all of our children benefit from any amount of time you can give! Sign up at www.MantuaPTA.org or contact Volunteer Coordinator Jenn Ross at volunteering@mantuapta.org.

Boy Scout Troop 1533 – Join

Scouting Night

Where can you camp, build and sleep in your own shelter, kayak, rock climb, do high ropes courses, climb a mountain and more - all in one year? Boy Scouts!!! Mantua's very own Troop 1533, for boys 6th grade thru high school, is hosting a Join Scouting Night. Boys and parents are invited to join us on **Tuesday September 26 at 7:15 PM in the Mantua ES cafeteria** to participate in a Troop meeting and learn about Scouting and Troop 1533. Questions, contact John Prette jprette@gmail.com.

Girl Scout Troop Formation & Information Meeting

Be Amazing -- Join Girl Scouts! Discover how your family can become a Girl Scout Family. Parents and guardians can learn about troop opportunities and newly forming troops for girls in grades K through 6 by attending Mantua ES Troop Formation & Information Night: **Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria**. For more information contact Susanne Fitch at swunner@yahoo.com?

Mantua PTA Basketball League: Registration Opens October 5

All third through sixth grade students are eligible to register for Mantua PTA Basketball at the early-bird **rate before October 5, 2017**. Late registration will begin October 6, 2017, and end October 11, 2017. NO registrations will be accepted after October 11, 2017. Mantua PTA's basketball league embraces all student athletes and encompasses a wide variety of skill levels and experience. The program emphasizes teamwork, skill development and sportsmanship. All eligible Mantua ES students are encouraged to register at www.mantuabasketball.org today. Contact Eric Fleming at commissioner@mantuabasketball.org if you have any questions.

Raccoon Runners Fall 2017

Boys Raccoon Runners

Join us this fall for the Boys Raccoon Runners group. We meet Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00-9:00 starting Oct. 4. This is an 8-week program focused on building strength both physically and mentally through the joy of running. The coaches incorporate strength training and stretching on non running days. After each work out we have a snack and discuss issues relevant to their peer group.

Registration closes on Sept. 27 or after 20 participants, whichever comes first. Registration is through the Mantua PTA website and is \$70. This covers the cost of two races, a t-shirt, and post run snacks. Registration at via [this form](#). For questions please contact raccoonrunners@mantuapta.org.
<http://www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/rrfall2017boys>

Girls Raccoon Runners

Join us this fall for the Girls Raccoon Runners group. We meet Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:00-9:00 starting Oct. 4. This is an 8-week program focused on building strength both physically and mentally through the joy of running. The coaches incorporate strength training and stretching on non running days. After each work out we have a snack and discuss issues relevant to their peer group.

Registration closes on Sept. 27 or after 35 participants, whichever comes first. Registration at www.memberplanet.com/s/mantuaelementaryschoolpta/2017-18clubs
For questions please contact raccoonrunners@mantuapta.org.

Global Plus World Language Classes

Learn a World Language at Mantua through GLOBAL PLUS The Mantua PTA offers extracurricular world language classes through FCPS's GLOBAL PLUS Language Program. The goal of the GLOBAL PLUS program is to offer high quality language classes to elementary students when they are at the optimal age for language acquisition. The GLOBAL PLUS curriculum delivers a strong focus on communication. This focus will provide children with skills to establish meaningful connections as they become GLOBAL citizens of our diverse yet interconnected world. Mantua students are invited to enroll in one-hour language classes held before or after school. Classes begin in October and continue for 20 weeks. The tuition cost is \$349 and includes materials and instruction. Registration is currently underway. Register early

www.fcps.edu/academics/global-plus (before 9/29) to save \$20! (Use promo code GLOBAL20 for discount). Sibling discounts are also available. Call 703-658-1201.

- GP03220-0002: Chinese for Grades 4-6, Fridays after school starting on 10/20.
- GP05220-0002: German for Grades 4-6, Thursdays before school starting 10/19.
- GP07120-0002: Spanish for Grades 1-3, Thursdays before school starting 10/19.

Questions, contact Susanne Fitch, PTA Representative, at globalplus@mantuapta.org.

Box Top Contest

It's Box Top Contest time! Please turn in all Box Top collection sheets and/or baggies labeled with your teacher's name by **October 25**, to your teacher or the collection box in the front hallway. Classroom winner chooses pizza, popsicles or ice cream to celebrate!

Tired of Yelling and Nagging?? -- Parent Education Seminar Oct 11

Join the PTA for our first Parent Education Seminar of the school year, **Wednesday, October 11 at 7 pm in the Library**. Guest speaker Rachel Bailey will discuss How to Raise Responsible, Respectful Children Without Yelling or Nagging. No RSVP necessary, bring your friends! Questions? contact Kathy Phillips, kathyphysics@hotmail.com.

Transportation Changes Reminder!

Any changes to your student's afternoon transportation must be requested by 1:00 p.m. on the specified day. Fairfax County Public Schools requires the office to know of any changes to your student's transportation. Please communicate this via:

- Email MantuaESAttendance@fcps.edu AND copy the classroom teacher.

OR

- Call the attendance line at **(703) 645-6363**.

Please include the following:

- date of the change
- student's name
- teacher
- what the change is

Example: Please excuse Johnny Smith in Mrs. Jones's class to Kiss and Ride today, June 20, 2099.

Drama Camp at Fairfax High School 2017/2018

Fairfax High School will be holding a 1-Day Drama Camp on **November 7th from 9am to 3:30pm** for students in grades 1-8. Cost is \$50 (\$30 for FCPS employees). Our theme is COMIC-CON. Each age group will follow its own schedule of activities-such as acting, musical theater, props, costumes, and dance. Parents are invited to watch the campers perform what they've learned in the Auditorium at 3:00. On-line registration is available at www.fxplayers.org or complete the attached registration and emergency forms and mail with payment to FHS Theatre Boosters Club, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030. Hope to see you there!

Registration details [available on this form](#). Questions contact fhsdramacamp@gmail.com.

Subscribing and Unsubscribing from the Alert News

Mantua PTA distributes paper copies of the Alert News to all families for the first month of school only. If you aren't receiving your copy by email, complete this

form: <http://bit.ly/2cPDrOA>

so we can add you to our distribution list. If you do not have a valid email address access to a computer, you will continue to receive the newsletter in each week's Tuesday Folder.

If your student has graduated and/or you have moved away

from the Mantua ES community, you can help us to maintain a current distribution list by unsubscribing from the Alert News list. It is as simple as clicking on the word "**unsubscribe**" at the very bottom of this newsletter. Thank you for your assistance!

Shopping Online?

Anyone (parents, family and friends) who shops on Amazon can effortlessly earn money for Mantua ES by simply using a special Amazon link on Mantua PTA website. No sign-ups or codes required, no loyalty cards to manage - just click, shop, and watch the contributions to Mantua ES come in! Help us cast a wider net by sharing the links with friends and family. Go to <http://www.mantuapta.org> and click either Amazon or eScrip before begging your shopping and these organizations will donate to our school.

Translators

Translators comprise another vital part of our outreach efforts. We want every Mantua ES family to feel included and connected—should families need to have a document translated into their native language, our volunteers are here to help!

- للحصول على نسخة مترجمة للغة العربية، نرجو الإتصال بالأخت بدرية كفال على هذا الإيميل: bkafala@gmail.com. If you need to have a document translated into Arabic, please email bkafala@gmail.com.
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- 혹시 한국어로 번역된 자료가 필요하시면 좌승관씨에게 연락주세요(cbn@mantuapta.org.) If you need to have a document translated into Korean, please contact Lisa Libby.
- Para obtener una copia en Espanol favor de contactar a Lisa Libby at cbn@mantuapta.org. If you need to have a document translated into Spanish, please contact Lisa Libby.

Email Lisa Libby at cbn@mantuapta.org if you have any questions or would like to volunteer as an ambassador or translator with Mantua ES's Community Building Network.

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